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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/651)*]

56/233. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the audited financial statements and the report of the Board of Auditors on voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the year ended 31 December 2000,[1] the report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of its recommendations[2] relating to the biennium 1998-1999, the second report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations and on the United Nations funds and programmes for the biennium ended 31 December 1999,[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Accepts* the financial report and audited financial statements and the report and audit opinion of the Board of Auditors regarding the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000;[1]

2. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report[5] and the recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

3. *Welcomes* the second report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations and on the United Nations funds and programmes for the biennium ended 31 December 1999[3] and the report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of its recommendations;[2]

4. *Requests* the audited organizations to take all necessary steps to implement expeditiously the outstanding audit recommendations;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5E* (A/56/5/Add.5).

[2] A/56/132, appendix.

[3] A/56/66 and Add.1.

[4] A/56/436.

[5] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5E* (A/56/5/Add.5), chap. I.

5. *Notes with concern* the qualified audit opinion on the financial statements of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and requests the audited organizations to cooperate fully with the Board of Auditors and to submit the requested information and documentation in a comprehensive and timely manner so that this does not lead in future to similar qualified opinions.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/652)*]

56/234. Management of buildings: practices of selected United Nations system organizations relevant to the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Management of buildings: practices of selected United Nations system organizations relevant to the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters"[1] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon,[2]

1. *Welcomes* the comprehensive and timely preparation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

2. *Endorses* the report of the Unit, and requests the Secretary-General to take full account of its recommendations and findings when elaborating the capital master plan, without prejudice to the future consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan;

3. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Unit and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon[2] within the context of its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan, requested by the General Assembly in section IV of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000.

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[1] See A/56/274.
[2] See A/56/274/Add.1.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/652)*]

56/235. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/232 of 23 December 2000 and 55/247 of 12 April 2001,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system[1] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments as well as those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon,[2]

1. *Endorses* the elements contained in paragraphs (*b*) and (*d*) of recommendation 1, and recommendations 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General and participating organizations of the United Nations system, when addressing the issues raised in paragraphs (*a*) and (*c*) of recommendation 1, and in recommendations 6, 7 and 8 of the Unit and using the services of private management consulting firms, to take fully into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 55/232 and 55/247.

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[1] See A/54/702.
[2] A/55/979.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/653)]

56/236. Enhancing the United Nations experience for visitors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General containing his proposal for enhancing the United Nations experience for visitors,[1]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Welcomes* the initiatives of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, the prospective donor, as described in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] to mobilize resources in order to provide new facilities for the visitors' experience in the form of a donation in kind to the United Nations;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[2]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the development of the proposed visitors' experience project is fully integrated with the capital master plan, including necessary security measures;

4. *Decides* that a decision on this question should be taken in the light of any further decision on the capital master plan;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to invite the United Nations Association of the United States of America to proceed with the preparation of a schematic design for the new visitors' experience, taking into account the four conditions set out in the report of the Secretary-General,[3] which are highlighted in the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] on the understanding that it will be for the General Assembly to declare itself satisfied with the fulfilment of these conditions;

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[1] A/55/835.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. I, sect. E.8, paras. 103–113.

[3] A/55/835, para. 20.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7*(A/56/7), chap. I, sect. E.8, para. 107.

6. *Notes* the desirability of expanding the number of potential contributors to the project by including the United Nations Associations of other countries;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to evaluate the proposed financial and fiscal aspects of the donation, in view of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and in the light of the capital master plan, taking into account the eventual financial implications for the Organization, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit, when practicable, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a comprehensive report on the outcome of the schematic design; options for deciding on the final scale of the project; projected revenues and the cost of operating and maintaining the new visitors' experience; proposals for expanded commercial activities; options for operating methodologies; means of adjusting to changing situations; procedures for the operation of the proposed capital improvement fund; and a time-line for implementation.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/653)*]

56/237. Development Account

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997,

Reaffirming its resolutions 52/235 of 26 June 1998, 53/220 A of 7 April 1999, 53/220 B of 8 June 1999 and 54/15 of 29 October 1999,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,[1] including the observations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in section V thereof, and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Expresses concern* at the low implementation rate of the projects undertaken through the Development Account;

2. *Urges* a more expeditious and effective rate of implementation of projects, and requests that project proposals include all costs, including support costs, and whether or not they are financed from the Development Account;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next report the date of commencement, the implementing agency and the anticipated dates of completion of all ongoing projects and to provide explanations for any schedule changes in the completion of these projects;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to intensify efforts to enhance efficiency measures that may result in sustainable savings, with a view to augmenting the Development Account, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/15;

5. *Reaffirms* that projects financed from the Development Account should be implemented in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 53/220 A and 53/220 B;

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[1] A/55/913.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. II, sect. A, paras. XIII.1-XIII.5.

6. *Welcomes* the fact that the implementation of the approved projects financed from the Development Account has a developmental impact on a country, is cost-effective, in particular through the use of information and communication technology, and is jointly designed and carried out by several entities of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation rate of the projects, with a view to identifying those projects that are underperforming and the causes, and to submit proposals to correct this situation or to redeploy funds from such projects to those that are delivering results;

8. *Decides* to continue to keep the implementation of the Development Account under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the subject to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/653)*]

56/238. Proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/232 of 23 December 2000,

Recalling also the international and non-commercial character of the Organization,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

2. *Notes* the proposal to separate the management of the commercial activities from the other activities of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to submit detailed information on this proposal and its administrative and financial implications;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate on this proposal by means of a blueprint concerning the specific commercial goals of the Organization and the steps that should be taken to achieve them, in particular the use of outsourcing, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 55/232 and its resolution 55/247 of 12 April 2001, and the optimum use of space within the United Nations buildings;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make proposals to streamline and simplify the administration and management structure underpinning those activities;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a single report containing the information requested in the present resolution.

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[1] A/55/546.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. II, sect. B, paras. IS3.5–13.

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56/239. Information technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, by which it requested the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive strategy for the development and implementation of information technology,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information technology in the Secretariat: a plan of action",[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to resubmit the plan of action, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 1 above and:

(*a*) Developing a specific plan to improve efficiency through the application of information technology in the Secretariat and the action required to implement it;

(*b*) Defining clearly the responsibilities of the different bodies in the application and integration of information technology within the United Nations;

(*c*) Addressing the objective of improving decision-making with respect to information technology in the Secretariat by improving coordination and reducing duplication;

(*d*) Developing a cost-benefit analysis for use in identifying information technology priorities;

(*e*) Developing an implementation plan for those priorities;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a single report containing the information requested in the present resolution.

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[1] A/55/780.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. I, sect. E, paras. 80–94.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/735)*]

56/240. Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

A

FINAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 2000–2001

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed of regular budget expenditures on a quarterly basis;

3. *Decides*, in the light of the critical financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to retain in the programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001, 650,000 United States dollars of the original provision of 800,000 dollars made pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/219 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to disburse the provision in December 2001 as a subvention to be credited to the United Nations Trust Fund for the Institute, so as to ensure the continuation of its operations in 2002;

4. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2000–2001, the amount of 2,533,125,400 United States dollars appropriated under its resolution 55/239 A of 23 December 2000 shall be augmented by a commitment authority of 28,452,600 dollars, as follows:

[1] A/56/674.
[2] A/56/694.

Section		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 A	Provisional increase/decrease	Revised appropriation and commitment authority
		(United States dollars)		
Part I	*Overall policy-making, direction and coordination*			
	1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	48 013 100	(2 543 300)	45 469 800
	2. General Assembly affairs and conference services	409 024 100	36 844 600	445 868 700
	Total, part I	**457 037 200**	**34 301 300**	**491 338 500**
Part II	*Political affairs*			
	3. Political affairs	167 844 700	(6 095 700)	161 749 000
	4. Disarmament	13 820 900	345 000	14 165 900
	5. Peacekeeping operations	74 884 000	(4 067 600)	70 816 400
	6. Peaceful uses of outer space	3 313 500	136 400	3 449 900
	Total, part II	**259 863 100**	**(9 681 900)**	**250 181 200**
Part III	*International justice and law*			
	7. International Court of Justice	20 606 700	1 642 000	22 248 700
	8. Legal affairs	33 880 600	(343 200)	33 537 400
	Total, part III	**54 487 300**	**1 298 800**	**55 786 100**
Part IV	*International cooperation for development*			
	9. Economic and social affairs	112 431 800	1 718 600	114 150 400
	10. Africa: New Agenda for Development	5 859 800	(641 200)	5 218 600
	11A. Trade and development	81 373 600	1 126 200	82 499 800
	11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	17 009 800	247 000	17 256 800
	12. Environment	8 100 900	495 900	8 596 800
	13. Human settlements	12 297 300	2 607 900	14 905 200
	14. Crime prevention and criminal justice	4 821 300	3 900	4 825 200
	15. International drug control	13 718 200	309 500	14 027 700
	Total, part IV	**255 612 700**	**5 867 800**	**261 480 500**
Part V	*Regional cooperation for development*			
	16. Economic and social development in Africa	80 645 000	(9 163 500)	71 481 500
	17. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	54 411 200	(511 300)	53 899 900
	18. Economic development in Europe	37 414 600	1 748 500	39 163 100
	19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	75 584 100	1 287 900	76 872 000
	20. Economic and social development in Western Asia	48 581 400	(2 883 200)	45 698 200
	21. Regular programme of technical cooperation	41 254 800	(44 400)	41 210 400
	Total, part V	**337 891 100**	**(9 566 000)**	**328 325 100**
Part VI	*Human rights and humanitarian affairs*			
	22. Human rights	39 067 700	(102 400)	38 965 300
	23. Protection of and assistance to refugees	38 838 900	1 546 400	40 385 300
	24. Palestine refugees	23 175 400	1 139 300	24 314 700
	25. Humanitarian assistance	18 447 900	(53 800)	18 394 100
	Total, part VI	**119 529 900**	**2 529 500**	**122 059 400**

Section		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 A	Provisional increase/decrease	Revised appropriation and commitment authority
		(United States dollars)		
Part VII.	*Public information*			
	26. Public information	142 534 500	(1 252 400)	141 282 100
	Total, part VII	**142 534 500**	**(1 252 400)**	**141 282 100**
Part VIII.	*Common support services*			
	27. Management and central support services	433 569 100	4 391 900	437 961 000
	A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	11 380 200	(6 100)	11 374 100
	B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	22 209 800	552 700	22 762 500
	C. Office of Human Resources Management	47 977 900	1 188 700	49 166 600
	D. Office of Central Support Services	229 817 700	903 800	230 721 500
	E. Administration, Geneva	84 412 400	485 300	84 897 700
	F. Administration, Vienna	23 553 500	298 400	23 851 900
	G. Administration, Nairobi	14 217 600	969 100	15 186 700
	Total, part VIII	**433 569 100**	**4 391 900**	**437 961 000**
Part IX.	*Internal oversight*			
	28. Internal oversight	18 750 700	(493 900)	18 256 800
	Total, part IX	**18 750 700**	**(493 900)**	**18 256 800**
Part X.	*Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*			
	29. Jointly financed administrative activities	8 020 500	(415 400)	7 605 100
	30. Special expenses	54 511 700	(1 135 500)	53 376 200
	Total, part X	**62 532 200**	**(1 550 900)**	**60 981 300**
Part XI.	*Capital expenditures*			
	31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	49 767 300	(365 700)	49 401 600
	Total, part XI	**49 767 300**	**(365 700)**	**49 401 600**
Part XII.	*Staff assessment*			
	32. Staff assessment	328 485 300	2 974 100	331 459 400
	Total, part XII	**328 485 300**	**2 974 100**	**331 459 400**
Part XIII.	*Development Account*			
	33. Development Account	13 065 000	-	13 065 000
	Total, part XIII	**13 065 000**	**-**	**13 065 000**
	Grand total	**2 533 125 400**	**28 452 600**	**2 561 578 000**

5. *Notes* the request of the Secretary-General that the revised appropriation should be increased by 28,452,600 dollars, and decides, keeping in mind the need for precision in determining the required final level of appropriations and assessments, that it will revert to consideration of the final appropriation at its resumed fifty-sixth session in March 2002;

6. *Resolves* that:

(*a*) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(*b*) In addition to the commitment authority approved under paragraph 4 above, an amount of 250,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2000–2001 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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B

Final income estimates for the biennium 2000–2001

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 2000–2001:

(*a*) The estimates of income of 380,822,700 United States dollars approved under its resolution 55/239 B of 23 December 2000 shall provisionally be decreased by 1,149,200 dollars, as follows:

Income section		Income approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 B	Provisional increase/decrease	Provisional income estimate
		(United States dollars)		
1.	Income from staff assessment	333 125 200	1 903 900	335 029 100
	Total, income section 1	**333 125 200**	**1 903 900**	**335 029 100**
2.	General income	42 728 600	997 100	43 725 700
3.	Services to the public	4 968 900	(4 050 200)	918 700
	Total, income sections 2 and 3	**47 697 500**	**(3 053 100)**	**44 644 400**
	Grand total	**380 822 700**	**(1 149 200)**	**379 673 500**

(*b*) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(*c*) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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56/241. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Taking account of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects,[3]

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 53/12 B of 8 June 1999, 54/243 A of 23 December 1999, 54/243 B of 15 June 2000, 55/238 of 23 December 2000 and 55/271 of 14 June 2001 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Noting with appreciation the comments and observations contained in paragraph 6 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] concerning the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and the determination of resources, and in paragraph 26, concerning the role and responsibilities of the head of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat and his senior staff in the area of management,

1. *Attaches* great importance to the provision of adequate resources for peacekeeping operations and their backstopping as well as for all priority activities of the Organization, in particular activities in the area of development, and underlines the need for genuine and meaningful partnership between the Security Council, the troop-contributing Governments and other Member States and the Secretariat;

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[1] A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

[2] A/56/478.

[3] A/55/1024 and Corr.1.

2. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when making first-time use of the results-based budgeting technique in the presentation of the support account budget estimates for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, to undertake a complete rethinking of how post and non-post resources for the support account are justified and presented and, in this regard, to take full account of paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

4. *Reaffirms* the decision in paragraph 2 of its resolution 49/250 that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human and non-human resource requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes to this limitation will require the prior approval of the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the issue of capacity in the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit for policy support in peacekeeping operations in the area of demobilization, disarmament and reintegration, taking into account the views of the Advisory Committee;

6. *Stresses* that the creation of small units in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to fulfil various functions which duplicate the responsibilities of other departments must be avoided, and shares the caution expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that an increase in the number of organizational units in the Department does not necessarily facilitate coordination or enhance administrative and management capacity;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prevent duplication of work between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat and to further clarify the relationships and interactions between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and other offices in the Department of Management of the Secretariat, especially those dealing with personnel, financial administration and control, management of procurement activities and monitoring of delegated authority;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report, in the context of the annual support account budget estimates, on action taken by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to develop and implement a comprehensive information technology systems strategy that integrates field missions with the Secretariat's overall information and communication technology strategy;

9. *Expresses concern* about the effect of scattering the units of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in a number of different physical locations on its operational effectiveness, and requests the Secretary-General to investigate and report on ways and means of achieving co-location of such units;

10. *Also expresses concern* over the delay in the recruitment and staffing of the 93 support account posts approved in December 2000 on an urgent basis;

11. *Reaffirms* section I, paragraph 6, of its resolution 55/238, in which it agreed with paragraph 36 of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations[4] relating to proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

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[4] A/C.4/55/6.

12. *Expresses concern* over the imbalance in the geographical representation of Member States in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and urges the Secretary-General to take immediate measures to improve the representation of under-represented and unrepresented Member States in future recruitment;

13. *Also expresses concern* over the lack of compliance by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations with the rules, regulations and procedures pertaining to human resources management, and in this regard reaffirms the role of the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat as set out in General Assembly resolutions 53/221 of 7 April 1999 and 55/258 of 14 June 2001, in particular the General Assembly decision that the Office of Human Resources Management should remain the central authority for the monitoring and approval of the recruitment and placement of staff and for the interpretation of the regulations and rules of the Organization and their enforcement;

14. *Welcomes* the emphasis on training, planning and establishment of rosters, which would provide the capacity to manage and monitor personnel actions in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Office of Human Resources Management, and encourages the utilization of information technology in reducing the current recruitment period below 180 days;

15. *Regrets* the inordinate delay in the certification of write-off claims from some liquidated peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to finalize the certification of those claims by 30 June 2002 and to submit a progress report on this issue to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

16. *Urges* the Secretary-General to give priority to the reimbursement of claims from liquidated missions, including maintaining adequate reserves to settle claims once certified;

17. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and decides not to establish at this time the D-2 post of Director of Change Management mentioned in paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee and to keep the matter under review for consideration at the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session, and, in the light of the development of a coherent policy, to review the P-5 post for gender issues at the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat with the task of conducting an evaluation of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations on its backstopping of peacekeeping operations performance, and the impact on efficient and effective use of the resources of the Department, and to report to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

19. *Decides* to appropriate an additional amount of 1,575,700 United States dollars under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003: 376,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs; 888,800 dollars under section 22, Human rights; 127,900 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services; and 182,600 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount (182,600 dollars) under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;

20. *Approves* an additional 121 support account-funded posts and their related post and non-post requirements in the amount of 16,103,750 dollars gross (14,889,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct, through the Office of Internal Oversight Services, an audit of the policies and procedures of the Organization for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and to report thereon to the General Assembly for its consideration at its resumed fifty-sixth session.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/737)*]

56/242. Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 43/222 A to E of 21 December 1988, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 54/248 of 23 December 1999 and 55/222 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences[1] and the reports of the Secretary-General,[2]

Having also considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reiterates the provisions of its resolutions 51/211 A to E of 18 December 1996, 52/214 of 22 December 1997, 53/208 A to E of 18 December 1998, 54/248 and 55/222;

I

Calendar of conferences and meetings

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Committee on Conferences, and endorses the recommendations contained in its report,[1] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Approves* the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2002–2003, as submitted by the Committee on Conferences,[4] taking into account the observations of the Committee,[5] and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make any adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2002–2003 that may become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/56/32).

[2] A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133 and Corr.1, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339 and A/AC.198/2001/8.

[3] A/56/475.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/56/32), annex.

[5] Ibid., paras. 22 and 23.

4. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Secretariat took into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolutions 53/208 A, 54/248 and 55/222 concerning Orthodox Good Friday and the official holidays of Id al-Fitr and Id al-Adha, and requests all intergovernmental bodies to observe those decisions when planning their meetings;

5. *Reaffirms* its decision that the headquarters rule shall be adhered to by all bodies, and decides that waivers to the headquarters rule shall be granted solely on the basis of the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations as recommended by the Committee on Conferences for adoption by the General Assembly;

6. *Also reaffirms* the general principle established in the headquarters rule and, in particular, that all meetings related to the environment and to human settlements that are organized by the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), respectively, should be held at Nairobi, headquarters of the Programme and Habitat;

7. *Further reaffirms* the relevant provisions established by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/11 on multilingualism;

8. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences and the Secretary-General, when planning the calendar of conferences and meetings, to avoid simultaneous peak periods at the various duty stations and to avoid scheduling meetings of related intergovernmental bodies too closely together;

II

Utilization of conference-servicing resources and facilities

1. *Approves* the guidelines on limiting meeting duration contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enhance further the established practice of workload sharing among duty stations in documentation services as a means to improve the utilization of conference-servicing resources, and to include information on these efforts in the context of a single, comprehensive report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the recent organizational changes, to ensure that the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services of the Secretariat is considered the appropriate executive authority to oversee, coordinate and enhance the global management and delivery of United Nations conference services, under the legislative authority of the General Assembly and through oversight and examination by the Committee on Conferences;

4. *Reaffirms* the terms of reference and main functions of the Committee on Conferences as formulated in section I, paragraph 1, of resolution 41/213 and in resolution 43/222 B;

5. *Welcomes* the improved participation of observers in the work of the Committee on Conferences, the changes in the procedure governing the participation of observers and the decision of the Committee to keep this procedure under review;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the mechanisms available for addressing the concerns of Member States about the efficiency, quality and delivery of conference services, including information about the way in which the concerns of Member States are recorded and reported, and on the grouping of these issues in reports to the General Assembly;

7. *Welcomes* the establishment of a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. and notes with satisfaction that the conference-servicing facility at the United Nations Office at Nairobi is becoming organizationally, functionally and in terms of the budget an integral part of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the increase in the number of multilingual meetings to be held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and with the participation of the Nairobi interpretation team elsewhere in 2001 and 2002, as well as the cost-saving effect of the establishment of the Nairobi interpretation service for the regular budget in terms of temporary assistance;

9. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing adequate conference-servicing resources to all United Nations conference centres, for the effective and efficient discharge of their mandates;

10. *Notes* the improvement in the rate of utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, as recorded during the most recent reporting period;

11. *Urges* all subsidiary bodies of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Commission on Human Settlements, and encourages Member States, intergovernmental bodies and regional and other major groupings, to increase their use of the conference facilities at Nairobi;

12. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to assist the bodies mentioned in paragraph 11 of the present section in improving this situation, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, through the Committee on Conferences, on the actions taken to that end;

13. *Encourages* all United Nations bodies and expert groups not subject to the headquarters rule to hold some of their meetings at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

14. *Strongly discourages* any invitation for hosting meetings which would violate the headquarters rule, in particular for United Nations centres with a low utilization level;

15. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to intensify efforts being made by the United Nations Office at Nairobi to attract more meetings to its facilities;

16. *Reiterates its request* to the Committee on Conferences to consult with those bodies that consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources;

17. *Reiterates* that meetings of Charter and mandated bodies must be serviced as a priority;

18. *Decides* to include all necessary resources in the budget for the biennium 2002–2003 to provide interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States upon request by those groups, on an ad hoc basis, in accordance with established practice, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, through the Committee on Conferences, a report on the implementation of this decision;

19. *Notes* the importance of meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States for the smooth functioning of the sessions of intergovernmental bodies, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, as far as possible, all requests for conference services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States are met;

20. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by some Member States owing to the lack of conference services for some meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide information on meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States not serviced by conference services in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002–2003;

22. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, when preparing budget proposals for conference services, to ensure that the level of resources proposed for temporary assistance is commensurate with the full demand for services, estimated on the basis of current experience;

23. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report on the utilization rates of interpretation services and conference facilities at all duty stations;

24. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to consider improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session, through the Committee on Conferences;

III

Documentation- and publication-related matters

1. *Notes with deep concern* the low rate of compliance with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation, and encourages the Secretary-General, in view of the impact of late submissions on the timely issuance of documents, to deal with this alarming situation;

2. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is available in accordance with the six-week rule for the distribution of documents simultaneously in the six official languages of the General Assembly;

3. *Deeply regrets* the failure of author departments to abide by section III, paragraph 5, of its resolution 55/222, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take corrective measures to ensure the full implementation of this provision and to report to the General Assembly in the first part of its resumed fifty-sixth session;

4. *Notes* that the failure to abide by that provision also connotes failure to abide by the six-week rule for the availability of documents as well as General Assembly resolution 50/11 on multilingualism, in which the Assembly recalled the need to ensure the simultaneous distribution of documents in the six official languages of the United Nations;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to direct all departments to include, where appropriate, the following elements in reports originating in the Secretariat:

(*a*) A summary of the report;

(*b*) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(*c*) Relevant background information;

6. *Reiterates* that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action should have conclusions and recommendations in bold print;

7. *Requests* the Office of Internal Oversight Services to submit its reports in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 B;

8. *Regrets* that, if a report is issued late, some departments of the Secretariat still do not indicate the reasons for the delay when the report is introduced;

9. *Reiterates its decision* that, if a report is submitted late to conference services, the reasons therefor should be included in a footnote to the document;

10. *Decides* to approve the report of the Secretary-General on measures taken by the Secretariat to strengthen responsibility and accountability in the submission of documentation,[5] with the exception of those described in paragraph 12 of the present section, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on measures taken to ensure full implementation of the report;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to develop an effective accountability and responsibility system within the Secretariat in order to ensure timely submission of documents for processing, and to report thereon, through the Committee on Conferences, to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the organs concerned, when they are taking action on draft resolutions and decisions, rules 78 and 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

13. *Notes with concern* the delay in the issuance of verbatim and summary records, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to ameliorate the situation;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study the possibility of further measures in this regard, including enhanced cooperation between the production of press releases by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and the preparation of summary records by the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, bearing in mind the different nature of press releases and summary records;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the communication of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly to the States Members of the United Nations within fifteen days of the close of each session;

16. *Welcomes* the new format for the issuance of the *Official Records* of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, in accordance with the request contained in resolution 54/248, section C, paragraph 3;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure fully the issuance of all documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Arabic, which is most relevant to the requirements of the Member States of the region, as well as in the other working languages of the Commission to meet the requirements of readers outside the region, as appropriate, and to report thereon to the General Assembly by its fifty-seventh session;

IV

Translation- and interpretation-related matters

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General not to conduct further pilot projects on remote interpretation until technological developments so warrant;

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[5] A/56/500.

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive comparative cost-benefit analysis on the use of remote interpretation at all United Nations duty stations, as recipients and as providers of that service, covering, inter alia, direct and indirect related costs and utilization rates, as well as issues pertaining to the working conditions of interpreters;

3. *Decides* to approve, for an initial period of one year, the training initiative for interpreters who, on the first competitive examination, scored higher than the benchmark of 55 per cent and who possess those language combinations that are insufficiently represented on the roster of successful candidates, subject to the submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session of information on the results of the training activities, the continuing need for the programme and related financial arrangements;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide updated information to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, under the agenda item entitled "Human resources management," on current practices related to the special ceiling on the United Nations annual earnings for United Nations retirees employed on a short-term basis in language services, as established by the Assembly in its decision 51/408 of 4 November 1996, with a view to reviewing this issue;

5. *Decides* to conduct a comprehensive review of the current norms and standards of productivity in the language services and the impact of ongoing technological innovations on their work, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a detailed report on the subject, through the Committee on Conferences, to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

6. *Reiterates its concern* at the high rate of self-revision in the translation services, which exceeded the benchmark, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to accord high priority to the post of reviser and to reduce reliance on self-revision to the maximum extent, and to take these considerations into account when filling vacancies in the translation services;

7. *Notes with deep concern* that some official documents are not translated into all the official languages of the Organization;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Secretariat undertakes to translate all United Nations documents into all the other official languages of the Organization simultaneously, including documents for which circulation is requested under agenda items of the principal deliberative bodies of the United Nations, regardless of their length;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to fill expeditiously the remaining vacancies in the interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to accelerate his efforts to fill vacant posts in interpretation and translation at Headquarters and at all other United Nations duty stations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to refrain from using the terms "different languages" or "multilingual" in official documents when referring to the six official languages of the United Nations;

12. *Expresses concern* about the quality of interpretation services provided to intergovernmental meetings, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the highest standards of quality for interpretation services provided to these meetings;

13. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that training opportunities in the six official languages are equally available to all language staff, including those at duty stations away from Headquarters;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that efforts continue to be made to improve the quality control of language services at all duty stations;

15. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that translation, in principle, reflects the specificity of each language;

16. *Also reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, in order to improve further the quality of translation of documents issued in the six official languages, to ensure continuous dialogue between translation staff and interpretation staff, among United Nations headquarters at New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, and between translation divisions and Member States with regard to the standardization of the terminology used;

17. *Further reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to hold informational meetings in order to brief Member States periodically on the terminology used;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct consultations, with Member States concerned, on the improvement of translation services;

V

Information technology

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a progress report on the use of information technology in the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, including voice recognition, remote translation, computer-assisted translation, the Electronic Documents Registration, Information and Tracking System, the new stock control system for documents and publications, digitization of meeting recording systems, electronic planning and servicing of meetings, and computerized terminology data banks, specifying in particular the impact of these technologies on the working methods and productivity of the personnel of the Department;

2. *Notes with concern* the content of paragraph 7 of the report of the Secretary-General,[7] which stresses that progress in the development of the United Nations web site on the Internet in the six official languages has been slower than expected, and that the realization of a truly equal multilingual web site will remain elusive.

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[7] A/AC.198/2001/8.

Annex

Guidelines on limiting meeting duration

1. Meetings normally should be held during regular meeting hours, namely, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on working days;

2. The Secretariat should intensify coordination between its relevant units with a view to planning for the provision of conference services;

3. Intergovernmental bodies should undertake a review of their meeting patterns and, in coordination with the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services of the Secretariat, adjust their meeting requests for subsequent sessions accordingly;

4. Requests for the extension of sessions beyond the originally scheduled dates, resumed sessions and other inter-sessional departures would continue to be submitted to the Committee on Conferences and handled in accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/222 B and with past practice as agreed by the Committee.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/728)*]

56/243. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions,[1]

1. *Recalls* its resolution 55/5 A of 26 October 2000;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to update the information contained in the annexes to his report on the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations;[2]

3. *Recognizes* that multi-year payment plans, subject to careful formulation, could be helpful in allowing Member States to demonstrate their commitment under Article 19 of the Charter to pay their arrears, thereby facilitating consideration of applications for exemption by the Committee on Contributions, and requests the Secretary-General to propose guidelines for such multi-year payment plans through the Committee on Contributions;

4. *Recognizes also* that it would be helpful for the Secretariat to be equipped with input from Member States on a schedule of payments or other information about their intentions to clear their accumulated arrears, and encourages Member States in a position to do so to provide such information;

5. *Urges* all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, in order to avoid the difficulties being experienced by the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to propose or consider further measures to encourage Member States in arrears to reduce and eventually pay their arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly during the main part of its fifty-seventh session for subsequent consideration at its resumed fifty-seventh session.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/56/11); ibid., *Supplement No. 11A* and corrigendum (A/56/11/Add.1 and Corr.1).

[2] A/55/789.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/729)*]

56/244. United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2001[1] and the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the Commission,[2]

Reaffirming its commitment to a single, unified United Nations common system as the cornerstone for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

Convinced that the common system constitutes the best instrument to secure staff of the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity for the international civil service, as stipulated under the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the statute of the Commission and the central role of the Commission in the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system,

Takes note of the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2001;[1]

I

Conditions of service applicable to both categories of staff

A. Standards of conduct for the international civil service

Recalling its resolutions 52/252 of 8 September 1998, 54/238 of 23 December 1999 and 55/223 of 23 December 2000,

Welcomes the standards of conduct as set out in annex II to the report of the Commission;[1]

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/56/30).

[2] A/56/485.

B. Introduction of the euro

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Commission that:

(*a*) Effective 1 January 2002, the euro should be used as the official currency for those emoluments which are currently set in the national currencies of the twelve euro-zone countries, and that the national currency amounts would be converted by applying the respective fixed conversion rates and then rounded up or down to the nearest euro;

(*b*) The converted values of the education grant for nine currency areas, and of the children's and secondary dependant's allowances for nine locations, will change over to the euro effective 1 January 2002, as reflected in annexes I and II to the present resolution;

2. *Invites* organizations to convert officially into euros, where applicable, their respective General Service salary scales and allowances effective 1 January 2002, on the basis of the approach referred to in paragraph 1 (a) above;

II

Conditions of service of staff in the Professional and higher categories

A. Evolution of the margin

Recalling section I.B of its resolution 52/216 of 22 December 1997 and the standing mandate from the General Assembly, in which the Commission is requested to continue its review of the relationship between the net remuneration of the United Nations staff in the Professional and higher categories in New York and that of the comparator civil service (the United States federal civil service) employees in comparable positions in Washington, D.C. (referred to as "the margin"),

Recalling also section IX, paragraph 3, of its resolution 46/191 A of 20 December 1991, in which it requested the Commission to include in its work programme a review of the differences between the United Nations and the United States net remuneration at individual grade levels,

1. *Notes* that the margin between the net remuneration of United Nations staff in grades P-1 to D-2 in New York and that of officials in comparable positions in the United States federal civil service for 2001 is 111.0, as reflected in annex III to the present resolution;

2. *Also notes* that the United Nations/United States net remuneration ratios range from 117.1 at the P-2 level to 104.4 at the D-2 level, and considers that this imbalance should be addressed in the context of the overall margin considerations established by the General Assembly;

B. Base/floor salary scale

Recalling section I.H of its resolution 44/198 of 21 December 1989, by which it established a floor net salary level for staff in the Professional and higher categories by reference to the corresponding base net salary levels of officials in comparable positions serving at the base city of the comparator civil service (the United States federal civil service),

1. *Notes* the increasing number of duty stations where the post adjustment classification is equal or close to zero, and requests the Commission to review the methodology to ensure that purchasing power equivalence is appropriately reflected;

2. *Approves*, with effect from 1 March 2002, as recommended by the Commission, the revised base scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories, as contained in annex IV to the present resolution;

III

Strengthening of the international civil service

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the review of the International Civil Service Commission[3] and the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the international civil service,[4]

Requests the Secretary-General, in close consultation with the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission, to submit a timetable for the implementation of the review of the strengthening of the international civil service to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-seventh session.

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Annex I

Education grant amounts for euro-zone currency areas effective 1 January 2002

(In euros)

Country	*Maximum admissible educational expenses and maximum grant for disabled children*	*Maximum education grant*	*Normal flat rate when boarding not provided*	*Additional flat rate when boarding (at designated duty stations)*
Austria	12 159	9 119	3 170	4 755
Belgium	12 898	9 673	2 929	4 394
Finland	9 082	6 812	2 229	3 343
France	9 330	6 997	2 500	3 751
Germany	15 736	11 802	3 592	5 389
Ireland	9 997	7 498	2 404	3 606
Italy	12 289	9 217	2 558	3 838
Netherlands	13 085	9 814	3 170	4 755
Spain	9 452	7 089	2 456	3 684

[3] A/54/483.
[4] A/55/526.

Annex II

Children's and secondary dependant's allowance amounts for euro-zone currency areas effective 1 January 2002

(In euros)

Country	*Children's allowance*	*Secondary dependant's allowance*
Austria	2 298	849
Belgium	1 947	623
France	1 730	574
French Guyana	1 730	574
Germany	2 321	832
Ireland	1 627	533
Luxembourg	1 947	623
Monaco	1 730	574
Netherlands	2 271	773

Annex III

Comparison of average net remuneration of United Nations officials in the Professional and higher categories in New York and United States officials in Washington, D.C., by equivalent grades (margin for calendar year 2001)

	Net remuneration (United States dollars)				
Grade	*United Nations*[a,b]	*United States*	*United Nations/ United States ratio (United States, Washington, D.C. = 100)*	*United Nations/ United States ratio adjusted for cost-of-living differential*	*Weights for calculation of overall ratio*[c]
D-2	130 560	108 975	119.8	104.4	3.7
D-1	121 881	101 797	119.7	104.3	9.9
P-5	112 001	89 924	124.6	108.5	26.8
P-4	97 243	75 896	128.1	111.6	32.0
P-3	81 742	61 551	132.8	115.7	21.8
P-2	67 416	50 170	134.4	117.1	5.6
P-1	50 821	38 355	132.5	115.4	0.2
Weighted average ratio before adjustment for New York/ Washington, D.C., cost-of-living differential				127.4	
New York/Washington, D.C., cost-of-living ratio				114.8	
Weighted average ratio, adjusted for cost-of-living difference				111.0	

[a] Average United Nations salary at dependency level by grade reflecting two months at multiplier 48.4 (on the basis of the salary scale effective through 28 February 2001), eight months at multiplier 41.2 and two months at multiplier 46.4 (on the basis of the salary scale in effect from 1 March 2001).

[b] For the calculation of the average United Nations salaries, Personnel Statistics of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions as at 31 December 1999 were used.

[c] These weights correspond to United Nations common system staff in grades P-1 to D-2 inclusive, serving at headquarters and established offices as at 31 December 1999.

Annex IV

Salary scale for the Professional and higher categories, showing annual gross salaries and net equivalents after application of staff assessment[a] effective 1 March 2002

(United States dollars)

Level		Steps														
		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV
Under-Secretary-General																
USG	**Gross**	**174 137**														
	Net D	118 165														
	Net S	106 342														
Assistant Secretary-General																
ASG	**Gross**	**158 353**														
	Net D	108 379														
	Net S	98 141														
Director																
D-2	**Gross**	**129 834**	**132 689**	**135 540**	**138 392**	**141 245**	**144 097**									
	Net D	90 697	92 467	94 235	96 003	97 772	99 540									
	Net S	83 322	84 805	86 286	87 768	89 250	90 733									
Principal Officer																
D-1	**Gross**	**114 784**	**117 226**	**119 669**	**122 106**	**124 550**	**126 994**	**129 437**	**131 877**	**134 319**						
	Net D	81 366	82 880	84 395	85 906	87 421	88 936	90 451	91 964	93 478						
	Net S	75 209	76 539	77 868	79 195	80 526	81 845	83 115	84 384	85 652						
Senior Officer																
P-5	**Gross**	**101 084**	**103 294**	**105 505**	**107 715**	**109 924**	**112 132**	**114 344**	**116 553**	**118 761**	**120 974**	**123 185**	**125 392**	**127 602**		
	Net D	72 872	74 242	75 613	76 983	78 353	79 722	81 093	82 463	83 832	85 204	86 575	87 943	89 313		
	Net S	67 698	68 955	70 159	71 362	72 565	73 767	74 970	76 173	77 376	78 579	79 781	80 983	82 162		
First Officer																
P-4	**Gross**	**83 255**	**85 283**	**87 306**	**89 329**	**91 442**	**93 597**	**95 752**	**97 906**	**100 065**	**102 216**	**104 371**	**106 529**	**108 682**	**110 837**	**112 994**
	Net D	61 548	62 887	64 222	65 557	66 894	68 230	69 566	70 902	72 240	73 574	74 910	76 284	77 583	78 919	80 256
	Net S	57 316	58 546	59 770	60 994	62 220	63 443	64 669	65 894	67 118	68 342	69 540	70 717	71 888	73 062	74 235
Second Officer																
P-3	**Gross**	**68 306**	**70 208**	**72 112**	**74 011**	**75 915**	**77 815**	**79 715**	**81 620**	**83 523**	**85 423**	**87 326**	**89 226**	**91 202**	**93 226**	**95 250**
	Net D	51 682	52 937	54 194	55 447	56 704	57 958	59 212	60 469	61 725	62 979	64 235	65 489	66 745	68 000	69 255
	Net S	48 242	49 396	50 553	51 706	52 862	54 015	55 169	56 324	57 477	58 632	59 782	60 933	62 083	63 233	64 384
Associate Officer																
P-2	**Gross**	**55 346**	**56 907**	**58 465**	**60 027**	**61 729**	**63 429**	**65 130**	**66 829**	**68 532**	**70 233**	**71 932**	**73 636**			
	Net D	42 849	43 973	45 095	46 218	47 341	48 463	49 586	50 707	51 831	52 954	54 075	55 200			
	Net S	40 191	41 210	42 226	43 244	44 260	45 279	46 313	47 344	48 379	49 412	50 444	51 479			
Assistant Officer																
P-1	**Gross**	**42 944**	**44 444**	**45 942**	**47 442**	**48 939**	**50 438**	**51 938**	**53 436**	**54 932**	**56 432**					
	Net D	33 920	35 000	36 078	37 158	38 236	39 315	40 395	41 474	42 551	43 631					
	Net S	31 997	32 992	33 986	34 980	35 974	36 967	37 962	38 944	39 921	40 899					

D = Rate applicable to staff members with a dependent spouse or child.

S = Rate applicable to staff members with no dependent spouse or child.

[a] This scale will be implemented in conjunction with a consolidation of 3.87 per cent of post adjustment. There will be consequential adjustments in post adjustment indices and multipliers at all duty stations effective 1 March 2002. Thereafter, changes in post adjustment classifications will be implemented on the basis of the movement of the consolidated post adjustment indices.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/655)*]

56/245. Joint Inspection Unit

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999 and 55/230 of 23 December 2000,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2000;[1]

2. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the programme of work of the Unit for 2001 and the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2002 and beyond,[2] as well as the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Unit on experience with the follow-up system on Joint Inspection Unit reports and recommendations;[3]

3. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Unit;[4]

4. *Takes note in particular* that, as noted in the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2002 and beyond and reaffirmed by the Chairman of the Unit, the preliminary listing is of a tentative nature and does not necessarily imply that the Unit is committed to taking up these subjects;

5. *Invites* the Unit to improve the presentation of the listing of potential reports for the following year and beyond by providing information on the source, including legislative basis, objectives, problems to be addressed, duration and expected date of completion, and to present such information before the final quarter of each year;

6. *Requests* the executive heads of participating organizations to observe fully the time frame for submitting their comments, as called for in article 11, paragraphs 4 (*d*) and (*e*), of the statute of the Unit;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 34* and corrigendum (A/56/34 and Corr.1).

[2] A/56/84.

[3] A/56/356.

[4] A/56/135.

7. *Requests* the Unit to consider including in its reports, where possible, the comments of the participating organizations on its findings and recommendations and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

8. *Stresses* the need for the Unit to place emphasis in its work on well-defined and timely items of high priority, identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions aimed at providing the General Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations;

9. *Stresses also* that the compliance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/16 and contained in the annual report of the Unit for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,[5] is a responsibility of the Unit as a whole, and, in this regard, requests the Unit to exercise fully its collective wisdom in accordance with article 11, paragraph 2, of the statute;

10. *Requests* the Chairman of the Unit, in accordance with article 18 of the statute, to ensure compliance by the Unit with the provisions of its statute as well as the internal standards, guidelines and procedures as approved by the Unit;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the other participating organizations to ensure that the Unit is provided with the information requested by it in due time, in accordance with article 6, paragraph 2, of the statute;

12. *Welcomes* the initial steps taken by the Unit with other external and internal oversight bodies of the United Nations system to develop interaction and intensify relations with a view to achieving better coordination among them with respect, in particular, to the oversight coverage and sharing of best practices, thus enhancing the impact of oversight activities as a whole and endeavouring to avoid duplication, and requests the Unit to report thereon, in the context of its report for 2001, to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

13. *Requests* the executive heads of those participating organizations that have not yet done so to take the necessary steps to facilitate the consideration of and action on the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit,[5] and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider and act upon it;

14. *Requests* the Unit to submit, as part of its annual report, additional comments and recommendations on its experience with the system of follow-up to the reports of the Unit, focusing in particular on legislative actions and implementation of the approved recommendations, to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, including measures the Unit has taken to achieve a punctual and systematic follow-up of its recommendations as approved by the legislative organs of participating organizations;

15. *Decides* to review the current state of coordination and cooperation among the United Nations oversight bodies with a view to ensuring greater synergy and mutual complementarity in their joint efforts to improve the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

16. *Requests* that the Unit place more emphasis on the evaluation aspects of its work, in accordance with recommendation 63 contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and

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[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/52/34), annex I.

Financial Functioning of the United Nations,[6] as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986;

17. *Underlines* the fact that the evaluation function is envisaged in the statute of the Unit, and stresses the need for the Unit to pay special attention to the preparation of reports that are more evaluation-oriented;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the executive heads of the other participating organizations for their attention.

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[6] Ibid., *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49).

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/739)*]

56/246. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999,

Recalling also its decision 55/488 of 7 September 2001,

Having considered the annual reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat for the periods from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000[1] and from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001,[2]

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

2. *Takes note* of the annual reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the periods from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000[1] and from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;[2]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services includes in its annual reports information regarding the implementation rate of the recommendations of the previous three reporting periods;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services includes, in its next annual report, information regarding the impact of its reorganization on its work;

5. *Welcomes* the initiative to include in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[2] qualitative assessments of the implementation of recommendations defined as critical, and invites the Secretary-General to entrust the Office with refining the criteria referred to in paragraph 8 of that report, taking into account the relevant provisions of resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244, and to report thereon in the context of the next annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services, when providing information on the implementation rate of critical recommendations in its future annual reports, deals separately with those recommendations which have been implemented, those which are in the process of being implemented and

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[1] A/55/436.

[2] A/56/381.

those for which no implementation process is under way, and the reasons for their non-implementation;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to present an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations, in particular with regard to write-offs, to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, with regard to the new mission subsistence allowance referred to in paragraphs 88 and 89 of its report[2] are fully and expeditiously implemented, and to report on the matter in the context of the budget performance reports of the relevant peacekeeping operations;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of Internal Oversight Services submits an update on the status of the oversight activities referred to in paragraphs 71 to 81 and in paragraphs 52 to 60, respectively, of its two most recent annual reports,[3] for further consideration by the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

10. *Recalls* section III, paragraph 7, of its resolution 55/222 of 23 December 2000, by which it reiterated that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action should have conclusions and recommendations in bold print.

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[3] A/55/436 and A/56/381.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/730 and Corr.1)*]

56/247. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 55/225 A of 23 December 2000 and 55/225 B of 12 April 2001,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000[3] and the comments of the Advisory Committee thereon in its report,[4]

Taking note also of Security Council resolution 1329 (2000) of 30 November 2000 concerning the establishment of a pool of ad litem judges in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Deeply regrets* the delay in the submission of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia;

[1] A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1; and A/C.5/56/30.

[2] A/56/665 and A/56/717.

[3] A/56/501.

[4] A/56/665.

3. *Reaffirms* paragraph 3 of its resolution 54/239 A of 23 December 1999, and emphasizes that future reports on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia should be submitted by 1 October of the year in which they are to be considered;

4. *Notes* that gratis personnel were still used in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in 2000, and emphasizes that the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997 on this issue must be strictly adhered to;

5. *Notes also* that a large total number of interns were used, and stresses that the acceptance of such interns should be consistent with the established guidelines, rules and regulations, in particular as regards the exceptional nature of a six-month assignment;

6. *Notes with great concern* the high vacancy rate in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia;

7. *Notes with concern* the absence of a firm exit strategy for the completion of the work of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia;

8. *Welcomes* all efforts that contribute to the determination of a firm exit strategy for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and, in this context, notes the comment of the Advisory Committee on empowering special national courts to undertake trials, as stated in paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[4]

9. *Notes* the issues raised by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 32, 80 and 82 of its report,[4] and decides to revert to these issues at the resumed fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

10. *Decides* that the staffing table for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia shall remain at levels approved for 2001 until the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session in March 2002 determines appropriate levels for the biennium 2002–2003;

11. *Authorizes* the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia to utilize the general temporary assistance resources necessary to provide the equivalent of up to the ninety new posts recommended by the Advisory Committee for the purposes and functions intended, it being understood that this utilization of general temporary assistance is to ensure the ability of the Court to assume an accelerated schedule of trials, as foreseen in the budget proposal, and would be without prejudice to the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its resumed fifth-sixth session as regards an authorized staffing table for the biennium 2002–2003;

12. *Welcomes* recent improvements in the functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and encourages continued efforts to address areas where improvement is needed;

13. *Decides* to appropriate, on a provisional basis, subject to further review at its resumed fifty-sixth session, to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, a total amount of 242,791,600 United States dollars gross (218,216,300 dollars net) for the biennium 2002–2003;

14. *Requests* the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia to submit, on an annual basis, a financial and programme performance report to the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* that the financing of the appropriation for the biennium 2002–2003 under the Special Account shall take into account the unused unencumbered balance of

3,183,700 dollars gross (4,154,500 dollars net) for 2000, interest and miscellaneous income of 3,559,600 dollars recorded for the biennium 2000–2001, the estimated additional requirements[5] of 4,854,700 dollars gross (3,571,900 dollars net) for 2001 and the estimated income of 154,400 dollars for the biennium 2002–2003, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

16. *Decides also* to apportion for the year 2002 the amount of 60,187,150 dollars gross (53,518,525 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2002–2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

17. *Decides further* to apportion for the year 2002 the amount of 60,187,150 dollars gross (53,518,525 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the rates of assessment applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2002;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 16 and 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 13,337,250 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2002–2003.

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[5] Provision for expenditures charged against the commitment authority as per resolution 55/225 B.

Annex

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

	Gross	*Net*
	(United States dollars)	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2002–2003 (after recosting)	256 241 300	229 787 800
Revised estimates (after recosting)[a]	156 300	156 300
Reductions made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (after recosting)	(7 227 700)	(6 554 700)
Reductions proposed by the Fifth Committee	(6 378 300)	(5 173 100)
Revised estimated appropriation for the biennium 2002–2003 (after recosting)	242 791 600	218 216 300
Prior credits and debits	(1 888 600)	(4 142 200)
Estimated income for the biennium 2002–2003	(154 400)	
Balance to be assessed for the biennium 2002–2003	240 748 600	214 074 100
Assessment for 2002.[b]	120 374 300	107 037 050
Of which:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2002	60 187 150	53 518 525
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2002	60 187 150	53 518 525

[a] To provide for internal oversight functions for the first six months of 2002 as detailed in document A/C.5/56/30.

[b] For the year 2003 equivalent amounts will be assessed by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/731)]

56/248. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995 on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/226 of 23 December 2000,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000[3] and the comments of the Advisory Committee thereon in its report,[4]

Taking note also of Security Council resolution 1329 (2000) of 30 November 2000 concerning the election of two judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the assignment of two of the judges elected or appointed in accordance with article 12 of the statute of the International Tribunal for Rwanda to be members of the Appeals Chamber of the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of

[1] A/56/497 and Add.1, and A/C.5/56/30.
[2] A/56/666 and A/56/717.
[3] A/56/500.
[4] A/56/666.

Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Deeply regrets* the delay in the submission of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda;

3. *Reaffirms* paragraph 3 of its resolution 54/240 A of 23 December 1999, and emphasizes that future reports on the financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda should be submitted by 1 October of the year in which they are to be considered;

4. *Notes* that a large total number of interns were used, and stresses that the acceptance of such interns should be consistent with the established guidelines, rules and regulations, in particular as regards the exceptional nature of a six-month assignment;

5. *Notes with great concern* that the high vacancy rate, particularly at the higher level of the administrative hierarchy, affects the effectiveness of the activities of the International Tribunal for Rwanda;

6. *Notes* the issues raised by the Advisory Committee in paragraphs 12, 16, 18, 29, 30, 44, and 49 of its report,[4] and decides to revert to these issues at the resumed fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

7. *Decides* that the staffing table for the International Tribunal for Rwanda shall remain at levels approved for 2001 until the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session in March 2002 determines appropriate levels for the biennium 2002–2003;

8. *Authorizes* the International Tribunal for Rwanda to utilize the general temporary assistance resources necessary to provide the equivalent of up to seventy-seven new posts recommended by the Advisory Committee for the purposes and functions intended, it being understood that this utilization of general temporary assistance is to ensure the ability of the Tribunal to assume an accelerated schedule of trials, as foreseen in the budget proposal, and would be without prejudice to the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session as regards an authorized staffing table for the biennium 2002–2003;

9. *Decides* to appropriate, on a provisional basis, subject to further review at its resumed fifty-sixth session, to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Rwanda, a total amount of 192,312,400 United States dollars gross (173,611,600 dollars net) for the biennium 2002–2003;

10. *Decides also* that the financing of the appropriation for the biennium 2002–2003 under the Special Account shall take into account the actual unencumbered balance of 3,010,100 dollars gross (2,352,900 dollars net) as at the end of 2000 and the estimated unencumbered balance of 4,237,100 dollars gross (3,851,900 dollars net), which was taken into account in resolution 55/226, as well as the amount of 2,160,000 dollars gross (2,160,000 dollars net), being the interest and other miscellaneous income recorded for the biennium 2000–2001, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

11. *Requests* the International Tribunal for Rwanda to submit, on an annual basis, a financial and programme performance report to the General Assembly;

12. *Notes* the proposed maintenance costs for prisoners,[5] and requests the Secretary-General to include this item in the context of the requested report on the long-term financial implications of the International Tribunal for Rwanda at the resumed fifty-sixth session;

13. *Decides* to apportion for the year 2002 the amount of 47,844,850 dollars gross (43,237,650 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2002–2003 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

14. *Decides also* to apportion for the year 2002 the amount of 47,844,850 dollars gross (43,237,650 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the rates of assessment applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2002;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 13 and 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 9,214,400 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the International Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2002-2003.

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[5] A/56/497, para. 13.

Annex

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	Gross	*Net*
	(United States dollars)	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2002-2003 (after recosting)	198 523 800	179 015 300
Additional appropriations (after recosting)[a]	189 200	189 200
Reduction made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (after recosting)	(2 079 000)	(1 863 900)
Reductions proposed by the Fifth Committee	(4 321 600)	(3 729 000)
Revised estimated appropriation for the biennium 2002-2003 (after recosting)	192 312 400	173 611 600
Add:		
Estimated unencumbered balance for 2000 that was taken into account and reduced from the assessment for 2001 (see resolution 55/226)	4 237 100	3 851 900
Less:		
Actual unencumbered balance for the year 2000	(3 010 100)	(2 352 900)
Interest and other miscellaneous income for the biennium 2000-2001 as at 30 June 2001	(2 160 000)	(2 160 000)
Balance to be assessed for the biennium 2002-2003	191 379 400	172 950 600
Assessment for 2002[b]	95 689 700	86 475 300
Of which:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2002	47 844 850	43 237 650
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for 2002	47 844 850	43 237 650

[a] Includes resources for internal oversight functions as detailed in documents A/C.5/56/30 and A/56/717.

[b] For the year 2003 equivalent amounts will be assessed by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

20 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Transitional Administration to the period ending 31 December 2001, notes that some 19 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Transitional Administration;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Administration is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Transitional Administration against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Transitional Administration;

11. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 458,000,128 dollars gross (445,193,514 dollars net) for the operation of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, inclusive of the amount of 3,000,128 dollars gross (2,773,914 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations, in addition to the amount of 17,027,947 dollars gross (14,943,699 dollars net) already appropriated for the support account and the amount of 1,778,786 dollars gross (1,597,340 dollars net) already appropriated for the United Nations Logistics Base by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/228 B, and inclusive of the amount of 282 million dollars gross (273,025,800 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in resolution 55/228 B;

12. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 282 million dollars gross (273,025,800 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 and the amount of 18,806,733 dollars gross (16,541,039 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 55/228 B, to apportion among Member States the amount of 23,000,128 dollars gross (22,220,931 dollars net) for the period from 1 to 31 January 2002,

in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 779,197 dollars approved for the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 to 31 January 2002;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 100 million dollars gross (97,235,083 dollars net) for the period from 1 February to 30 June 2002, at a monthly rate of 20 million dollars gross (19,447,016 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002, as set out in General Assembly resolution 55/5 B, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Transitional Administration beyond 31 January 2002;

15. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,764,917 dollars approved for the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 February to 30 June 2002;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Transitional Administration;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Transitional Administration in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/714 and Corr.1)*]

56/250. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1369 (2001) of 14 September 2001,

Recalling its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/252 B of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 15 November 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 100.3 million United States dollars, representing, regrettably, 36 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 12 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions.

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[1] A/56/610.
[2] A/56/661.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors, that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses* concern at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

11. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 200,279,308 dollars gross (196,227,505 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, inclusive of the amount of 1,879,308 dollars gross (1,737,605 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations, in addition to the amount of 5,444,104 dollars gross (4,777,737 dollars net) already appropriated for the support account, and the amount of 568,706 dollars gross (510,695 dollars net) already appropriated for the United Nations Logistics Base by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/252 B, and inclusive of the amount of 90 million dollars gross (88,933,450 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in resolution 55/252 B;

12. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 90 million dollars gross (88,933,450 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 and the amount of 6,012,810 dollars gross (5,288,432 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 55/252 B, to apportion among Member States the amount of 52,412,641 dollars gross (50,567,834 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 15 March 2002 in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000, the scale of assessments for the year 2001 to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 9.2 million dollars gross (8,311,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the scale of assessment for the year 2002 to be applied against the balance, that is, 43,212,641 dollars gross (42,256,334 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 15 March 2002;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,844,807 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2001 to 15 March 2002, 888,500 dollars being the amount pertaining to the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the balance, that is, 956,307 dollars, pertaining to the period from 1 January to 15 March 2002;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 57,866,667 dollars gross (56,726,221 dollars net) for the period from 16 March to 30 June 2002, at a monthly rate of 16,533,333 dollars gross (16,207,492 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002 as set out in General Assembly resolution 55/5 B, subject to any decision by the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 15 March 2002;

15. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,140,446 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 16 March to 30 June 2002;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/712)]

56/251. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1270 (1999) of 22 October 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1370 (2001) of 18 September 2001,

Recalling its resolution 53/29 of 20 November 1998 on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone, the latest of which was resolution 55/251 B of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone and the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone as at 15 November 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 317.1 million United States dollars, representing, regrettably, some 30 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 11 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[1] A/56/687

[2] A/56/721

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

11. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 699,230,584 dollars gross (693,126,185 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the twelve-month period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, inclusive of the amount of 7,230,584 dollars gross (6,685,385 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations, in addition to the amount of 16,634,763 dollars gross (14,598,640 dollars net) already appropriated for the support account, and the amount of 1,737,712 dollars gross (1,560,456 dollars net) already appropriated for the United Nations Logistics Base by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/251 B, inclusive also of the amount of 275 million dollars gross (273,375,000 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in resolution 55/251 B;

12. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 275 million dollars gross (273,375,000 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 and the amount of 18,372,475 dollars gross (16,159,096 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 55/251 B, to apportion among Member States the amount of 251,230,584 dollars gross (248,140,985 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 31 March 2002, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000, the scale of assessments for the year 2001 to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 71 million dollars gross (69,845,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the scale of assessments for the year

2002 to be applied against the balance, that is, 180,230,584 dollars gross (178,295,585 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,089,599 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2001 to 31 March 2002, 1,154,600 dollars being the amount pertaining to the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001, and the balance, that is, 1,934,999 dollars pertaining to the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 132 million dollars gross (130,938,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2002, at a monthly rate of 44 million dollars gross (43,646,200 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002 as set out in General Assembly resolution 55/5 B, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 31 March 2002;

15. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,061,400 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2002;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone".

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/713)]

56/252. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999, by which the Council established the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council revised and extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1376 (2001) of 9 November 2001,

Recalling its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 as well as subsequent resolutions on the financing of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 55/275 of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Reiterates* paragraph 1 of its resolution 55/275;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 15 November 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 152.6 million United States dollars, representing, regrettably, some 40 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 22 per cent of Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges

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[1] A/56/660.

[2] A/56/688.

all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

12. *Decides* to appropriate the additional amount of 196,593,590 dollars gross (193,819,705 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the nine-month period from 1 July 2001 to 31 March 2002, inclusive of the amount of 3,351,190 dollars gross (3,098,505 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations, in addition to the amount of 8,260,509 dollars gross (7,249,409 dollars net) already appropriated for the support account, the amount of 862,915 dollars gross (774,893 dollars net) already appropriated for the United Nations Logistics Base and the amount of 200 million dollars gross (194,823,300 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 appropriated and assessed by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/275;

13. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 200 million dollars gross (194,823,300 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 55/275, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 196,593,590 dollars gross (193,819,705 dollars net) for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002 in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235 as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 2001 and 2002 as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

14. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among

Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,773,885 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 January to 31 March 2002;

15. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

16. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

17. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

18. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

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